

**Method and Apparatus For Managing Publication and Sharing Of Data**

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

10 A first user is designated as an eligible shared data contributor. An  
authorized service component of the eligible shared data contributor is designated  
as a shared data publishing component. A data publication is defined. The eligible  
15 shared data contributor tags data managed by said publishing component for  
inclusion with the data publication. A second user is designated as an eligible  
shared data subscriber. The second user is associated as a subscriber of the data  
publication. The first user contributes to the data managed by the publishing  
component, and the second user is allowed access to the data managed by the  
15 publishing component based on the second user's subscription to the data  
publication. The first and second users may or may not be of the same licensee  
organization, thereby allowing intra as well as extra-organizational sharing of data.